

# Conditioning and Preconditioning in the Cone of SPD matrices

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## Questions

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- How to build (inverse) preconditioners in  $PD_n$

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Of course we would like to avoid to handle quantities with  $A^{-1}$  and then produce estimates of the condition number using  $A$  only



## Properties

### Identities and Properties

- $\kappa_F(A)$  expressed with distance between  $A$  and  $A^{-1}$

$$\begin{aligned}\kappa(A)_F &= n + \frac{1}{2} (\|A - A^{-1}\|_F^2 - (\|A\|_F - \|A^{-1}\|_F)^2) \\ &= n + \frac{1}{2} D(A, A^{-1}).\end{aligned}$$

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$$1 + \frac{1}{2n} D(A, A^{-1}) \leq \kappa_2(A) \leq n + \frac{1}{2} D(A, A^{-1})$$

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$$\frac{1}{\kappa_2(A)} \leq \cos(A, A^{-1}) \leq \cos(A, Id) \cos(A^{-1}, Id)$$

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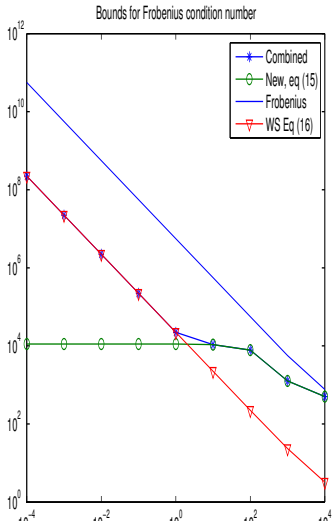
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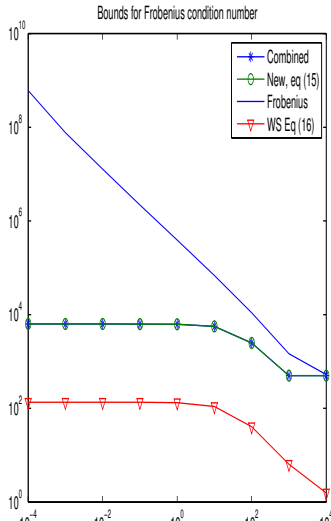
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**Rmk** : Statistical interpretation with  $M = m Id$ , spectral mean value matrix of  $A$  and  $s^2 = \|A - M\|_F^2/n$  is the variance,  $\frac{s}{p}$  is the unbiased standard deviation.

# Illustration



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## Approximation of the inverse using the Cosine

Let  $X_k$  be a sequence of matrices, then

$$\|Id - X_k A\|_F^2 = (\|Id\|_F - \|X_k A\|_F)^2 + 2(1 - \cos(Id, X_k A))\|Id\|_F\|X_k A\|_F$$

Then is  $X_k$ , is a sequence of matrices converging to  $A^{-1}$  assuming that  $\|X_k A\|_F = \sqrt{n} = \|Id\|_F$ , we have

$$\|Id - X_k A\|_F^2 = 2n(1 - \cos(Id, X_k A))$$

IDEA : build  $X_k$  as minimizing sequence of  $F(X) = 1 - \cos(Id, XA)$

**Rmk** : we could consider also  $F_1(X) = 1 - \cos(Id, AX)$ .

As seen above, these sets will play an important role

$$S = \{X \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R}) / \|XA\|_F = \sqrt{n}\}, T = \{X \in \mathcal{M}_n(\mathbb{R}) / \text{tr}(XA) \geq 0\}$$

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**Important remark :**  $F(X)$  is invariant by positive scaling, say

$$F(\alpha X) = F(X)$$

This will give the boundness of approximating sequences of matrices when working in  $S$

### Basic properties of $F$ and $S$

- $\nabla F(X) = \frac{1}{\|Id\|_F \|XA\|_F} \left( \frac{\langle XA, Id \rangle}{\|XA\|_F^2} XA - Id \right) A^T$
- $\langle \nabla F(X), X \rangle = 0, \forall X \in S$
- $\frac{\sqrt{n}}{\|A\|_F} \leq \|X\|_F \leq \sqrt{n} \|A^{-1}\|_F, X \in S$



## Negative gradient direction

- Iterations

$$X^{(k+1)} = X^{(k)} - \alpha_k \nabla F(X^{(k)}),$$

- Steepest descent : optimal  $\alpha_k$  that optimizes  $F(X^{(k)} + \alpha D_k)$ , is

$$\alpha_k = \frac{\left( \langle X^{(k)} A, I \rangle \langle X^{(k)} A, D_k A \rangle - n \langle D_k A, I \rangle \right)}{\left( \langle D_k A, I \rangle \langle X^{(k)} A, D_k A \rangle - \langle X^{(k)} A, I \rangle \langle D_k A, D_k A \rangle \right)}.$$

- Since  $\|I\|_F = \sqrt{n}$ ,

$$X^{(k+1)} = X^{(k)} - \frac{\alpha_k}{\sqrt{n} \|X^{(k)} A\|_F} \left( \frac{\langle X^{(k)} A, I \rangle}{\|X^{(k)} A\|_F^2} X^{(k)} A - I \right) A,$$

imposing the condition  $\|X^{(k)} A\|_F = \sqrt{n}$ ,

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**Algorithm 1** : CauchyCos (Steepest descent approach on  $F(X) = 1 - \cos(XA, I)$ )

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  - 4:     **Set**  $\nabla F(X^{(k)}) = \frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{w_k}{n} X^{(k)} A - I \right) A$
  - 5:     **Set**  $\alpha_k = \left| \frac{n \langle \nabla F(X^{(k)}) A, I \rangle - w_k \langle X^{(k)} A, \nabla F(X^{(k)}) A \rangle}{\langle \nabla F(X^{(k)}) A, I \rangle \langle X^{(k)} A, \nabla F(X^{(k)}) A \rangle - w_k \|\nabla F(X^{(k)}) A\|_F^2} \right|$
  - 6:     **Set**  $Z^{(k+1)} = X^{(k)} - \alpha_k \nabla F(X^{(k)})$
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## Theorem

*The sequence  $\{X^{(k)}\}$  generated by the CauchyCos Algorithm converges to  $A^{-1}$ .*

To avoid oscillation of the steepest descent : right preconditioning

$$\hat{D}_k \equiv \hat{D}(X^{(k)}) = -\frac{1}{n} \left( \frac{\langle X^{(k)} A, I \rangle}{n} X^{(k)} A - I \right), \quad (1)$$

Rmk : MINRES can be seen as a steepest descent inverse-right-preconditioned by  $(A^T)^{-1}$ .

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**Algorithm 2** : MinCos (simplified gradient approach on  $F(X) = 1 - \cos(XA, I)$ )

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The sparsification will be realized by using a threshold tolerance, combined with a fixed bound on the maximum number of nonzero elements to be kept at each column (or row) to limit the fill-in.



## Algorithm 6 : Sparse MinCos

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## Numerical Results

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### The methods

- minimizing  $F(X)$  : CauchyCos (Steepest), MinCos (right Prec. Steepest)
- minimizing  $\Phi(X) = \frac{1}{2} \|I - XA\|_F^2$  : CauchyFro (Steepest), MinRes (right. Prec Steepest)
- Stopping criteria  $\text{Min}(\Phi(X^{(k)}), F(X^{(k)})) \leq \epsilon$

Matrix $A$	Size ( $n \times n$ )	$\kappa(A)$	$A$
Poisson (50)	$n=2500$	$1.05e+03$	sparse
Poisson (100)	$n=1000$	$6.01e+03$	sparse
Poisson (150)	$n=22500$	$1.34e+04$	sparse
Poisson (200)	$n=40000$	$2.38e+04$	sparse
Poisson 3D (10)	$n=1000$	79.13	sparse
Poisson 3D (15)	$n=3375$	171.66	sparse
Poisson 3D (30)	$n=27000$	388.81	sparse
Poisson 3D (50)	$n=125000$	$1.05e+03$	sparse
Lehmer (100)	$n=100$	$1.03e+04$	dense
Lehmer (200)	$n=200$	$4.2e+04$	dense
Lehmer (300)	$n=300$	$9.5e+04$	dense
minij (100)	$n=100$	$1.63e+04$	dense
minij (200)	$n=200$	$6.51e+04$	dense
moler (100)	$n=100$	$3.84e+16$	dense
moler (200)	$n=200$	$3.55e+16$	dense
nos1	$n=237$	$2.53e+07$	sparse
nos2	$n=957$	$6.34e+09$	sparse
nos5	$n=468$	$2.91e+04$	sparse
nos6	$n=675$	$8.0e+07$	sparse

Matrix	Size ( $n \times n$ )	CauchyCos	CauchyFro	MinRes	MinCos
Poisson 2D (50)	$n=2500$	88	132	7	6
Poisson 3D (10)	$n=1000$	9	12	3	2
Poisson 3D (15)	$n=3375$	10	14	3	2
Lehmer (10)	$n=10$	888	1141	21	15
Lehmer (20)	$n=20$	9987	49901	123	51
Minij (20)	$n=20$	31271	63459	209	45
Minij (30)	$n=30$	153456	629787	553	102
Moler (100)	$n=100$	7	83	3	3
Moler (200)	$n=200$	77	15243	19	12
Wathen (10)	$n=341$	10751	17729	68	57
Wathen (20)	$n=1281$	495	1112	22	16

Table : Number of iterations required for all considered methods when  $\epsilon = 0.01$ .

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Poisson 2D (100)	$n=1000$			7	7
Poisson 2D (200)	$n=40000$			7	7
Poisson 3D (30)	$n=27000$			3	3
Poisson 3D (50)	$n=125000$			3	3
Lehmer (50)	$n=50$			987	293
Lehmer (70)	$n=70$			1399	423
Lehmer (100)	$n=100$			3905	1178
Lehmer (200)	$n=200$			16189	4684
Minij (100)	$n=100$			6771	1259
Minij (200)	$n=200$			26961	5057
Moler (300)	$n=300$			105	22
Moler (500)	$n=500$			381	48
Moler (1000)	$n=1000$			1297	152
Wathen (30)	$n=2821$			24	17
Wathen (50)	$n=7701$			20	15

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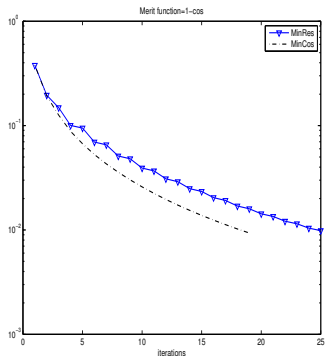
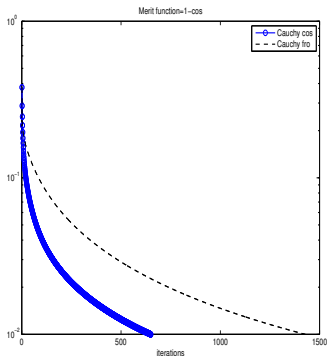


Figure : Convergence history for CauchyFro and CauchyCos (left), and MinRes and MinCos (right) for  $F(X)$  (up), when applied to the Wathen matrix for  $n = 20$  and  $\epsilon = 0.01$ .

## Sparse approximation

The sparsification is based on a threshold tolerance with a limited fill-in (*lfil*) on the matrix  $Z^{(k+1)}$ , at each iteration, before the scaling step to guarantee that the iterate  $X^{(k+1)} \in S \cap T$ .

- *thr* as the percentage of coefficients less than the maximum value of the modulus of all the coefficients in a column
- for each  $i$ -th column we select at most *lfil* off-diagonal coefficients among the ones that are larger in magnitude than  $thr \times \|(Z^{(k+1)})_i\|_\infty$ , where  $(Z^{(k+1)})_i$  represents the  $i$ -th column of  $Z^{(k+1)}$ .



Matrix	Method	$\kappa(X^{(k)}A)/\kappa(A)$	$[\lambda_{min}, \lambda_{max}]$ of $(X^{(k)}A)$	Iter	% fill-in
nos1 ( <i>lfil</i> = 10)	MinCos	0.0835	[2.44e-06, 2.3272]	20	3.71
nos1 ( <i>lfil</i> = 10)	MinRes		[-98.66, 5.40]		
nos6 ( <i>lfil</i> = 10)	MinCos	0.4218	[5.07e-06, 3.1039]	20	0.45
nos6 ( <i>lfil</i> = 20)	MinCos	0.2003	[8.51e-06, 3.0702]	20	0.82
nos6 ( <i>lfil</i> = 10)	MinRes		[-0.7351, 2.6001]		
nos6 ( <i>lfil</i> = 20)	MinRes		[-0.2256, 2.2467]		
nos5 ( <i>lfil</i> = 5)	MinCos	0.068	[0.002, 1.36]	10	1.18
nos5 ( <i>lfil</i> = 10)	MinCos	0.0755	[0.0024, 1.3103]	10	2.47
nos5 ( <i>lfil</i> = 5)	MinRes		[-20.31, 2.16]		
nos5 ( <i>lfil</i> = 10)	MinRes	0.1669	[0.0021, 1.7868]	10	2.36
nos2 ( <i>lfil</i> = 5)	MinCos	0.1289	[5.2e-09, 2.73]	10	0.52
nos2 ( <i>lfil</i> = 10)	MinCos	0.0891	[7.95e-09, 2.2873]	10	0.80
nos2 ( <i>lfil</i> = 20)	MinCos	0.0700	[9.7e-09, 1.9718]	10	1.14
nos2 ( <i>lfil</i> = 5)	MinRes		[-0.3326, 2.4869]		
nos2 ( <i>lfil</i> = 10)	MinRes	0.0970	[4.21e-09, 1.5414]	10	0.93
nos2 ( <i>lfil</i> = 20)	MinRes	0.0861	[4.21e-09, 1.1638]	10	1.14

Performance of MinRes and MinCos when applied to the Matrix Market matrices nos1, nos2, nos5, and nos6, for  $\epsilon = 0.01$ ,  $thr = 0.01$ , and different values of *lfil*.

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wathen (30)	$n=2821$	0.0447	[0.0109, 1.3889]	20	0.73
wathen (50)	$n=7701$	0.0461	[0.0366, 1.4012]	20	0.27
wathen (70)	$n=14981$	0.0457	[0.0086, 1.3894]	20	0.14
wathen (100)	$n=30401$	0.0467	[0.0289, 1.4121]	20	6.8436e-02

Performance of MinCos applied to the Wathen matrix for different values of  $n$  and a maximum of 20 iterations, when  $\epsilon = 0.01$ ,  $thr = 0.04$ , and  $lfil = 20$ .

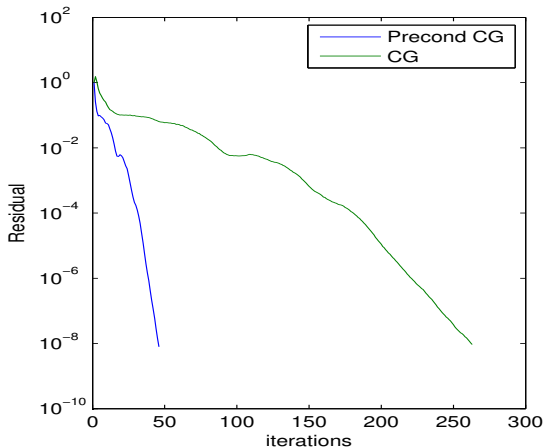


Figure : Convergence history of the CG method applied to a linear system with the Wathen matrix, for  $n = 50$ , 20 iterations,  $\epsilon = 0.01$ ,  $thr = 0.01$ , and  $lfil = 20$ , using the preconditioned generated by the MinCos Algorithm and without preconditioning.

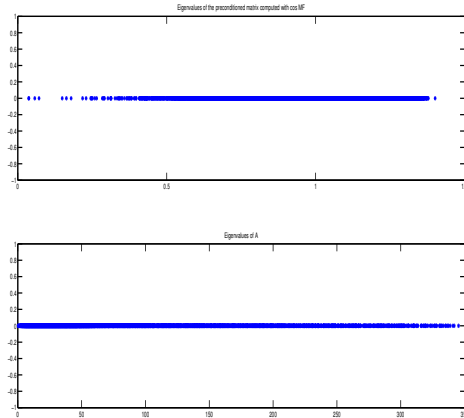


Figure : Eigenvalues distribution of  $A$  (down) and of  $X^{(k)}A$  (up) after 20 iterations of the MinCos Algorithm when applied to the Wathen matrix for  $n = 50$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.01$ ,  $thr = 0.01$ , and  $lfil = 20$ .

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